

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

PICTURE-DISPLAY-REGION DISCRIMINATING APPARATUS

A picture-display-region discriminating apparatus includes a picture detection region setting means for setting picture detection regions so that the picture detection regions should cover an entire display screen of a television receiver, a detecting means for detecting a level of a video signal corresponding to each of the picture detection regions, and a determining means for determining whether or not there is any picture on each of the picture detection regions, based on a detection data from the detecting means. The detecting means detects the level of the video signal with reference to a black level and a white level of a luminance signal of the video signal. The level of the video signal corresponding to the picture detection region where a superimposed dialogue is displayed on a screen is detected with reference to the black level and the white level.

FIGURE 2